

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Sunday 2nd May 2021

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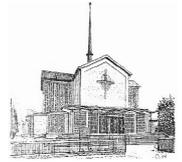
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St Joseph's

Sunday 2nd May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00: Teresa McAndrew RIP

5:30: Mary Rogerson RIP

Monday 3rd Bank Holiday

9:30: Amy Chok RIP

Tuesday 4th

9:30: Fr. Oliver Kemp RIP

Thursday 6th

7:00: Ray Murphy RIP

Friday 7th

9:30: Pdraic Cawley

Saturday 8th

9:30: Mary & Peter Diggins and the Holy Souls of their families

Sunday 9th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00: Kathryn Lord RIP 1st Anniversary;

Angele Handford RIP 1st Anniversary

5:30: John McNulty RIP

Confessions:

St. Peter's, Our Lady's , St Joseph's : after Mass.

Mass Availability at St. Peter's

Please note that our Mass intentions are fully booked for the Sunday 11am Mass until November. We can be more accommodating with weekday Masses and the 9am Sunday Mass.

Saints of the week

Saturday 1st May

Opt. Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker

Monday 3rd May

Feasts of Ss Philip and James, Apostles

Tuesday 4th May

Feast of the English Martyrs

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 1st May

OL 12:30: Bob Habgood RIP

Sunday 2nd

Fifth Sunday of Easter

SP 9:00: Mary Healy RIP

SP 11:00: Tommy Dunne RIP

Monday 3rd Bank Holiday

SP 9:30: In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Tuesday 4th

SP 11:00: Mella Burns

Wednesday 5th

OL 12:00: Rose Gately

Thursday 6th

SP: 11:00: Gerry Quinn RIP

Friday 7th First Friday

SP: 11:00: **Requiem Mass: Daniel Byrne - Family Only**

SP: 6:30: May Barker

Saturday 8th

SP 9:30: Eileen Lawless RIP

OL 12:30: Emma & Patrick Lawless RIP

Sunday 9th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

SP 9:00: Trisha Fitzpatrick

SP 11:00: Frances Kendrick RIP

The recently deceased of our churches:

Edward Geary, Eileen Lawless, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh,
Mary Rogerson, Daniel Byrne, Bernadette Parker

May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: John Murphy, John Dorman, Frederick Walters, Kathleen Donovan, Elsie Dutton, Thomas Barriscale, Helen Cleary, Clara Monaghan, Bill Monaghan, Robert Habgood, Elizabeth McCabe, Rosa Castrolifippo, Geraldine Quinn, Mary Cronin, Dorothy Fox, Seamus Coady, Bernard Nichols, Noel O'Sullivan, Mary Long, Canon Bernard Hill, Fr. Thomas O'Connor, Fr. David Duggan, Fr. Michael Byrne, Fr. James Dutton, Fr. Donal O'Connor, Fr. Francis Carr. Fr. Walter Joret **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
Or St Joseph's stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick: Denis O'Halloran, Caleb O'Neill, Anne Kirby, Anne Fraser, Bridie Daly, John Curran, Peter Curran, Rev Graham Coles, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Dermot Hurley, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Edna Hale, Eileen Hiorns, Estelle Holmes, John Ireson, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Mgr Christopher Lightbound, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie-Clare Banner, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the Parish.

Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Dear Parishioners,

There are two very welcome Bank Holiday Mondays in May. Having said this when Monday is a free day, I spend the rest of the week trying to work out what day it is and why I seem to have less time than usual! Next week on the first Monday of May the Church invites us to commemorate this day off by celebrating the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. We celebrate our work with a day off. I like that! The next Bank Holiday comes at the end of the month and is part of Whitsun.

St Joseph was a carpenter by trade. He was foster father of Jesus and Husband of Mary. He earned a good living by working with wood. Having visited Israel a few years ago I do not remember many trees so I would imagine the raw materials arrived by boat. We can imagine Jesus finding his way into the carpenter's shop to play with the curls of wood shavings, sawdust, to watch his dad at work or even to help. There is something very satisfying working with wood especially if it has been properly dried.

It is thought Joseph's carpenters' shop was well known in Nazareth where Jesus was brought up. If you wanted a repair or something made for the home or work, you would probably need to go to a carpenter to make it for you in which case I think we could say that Joseph was more than a carpenter, he was a craftsman. It is said that Joseph had a particular specialism, and this was advertised on a sign outside his shop. This was a picture of a yoke together with the words "my yoke is easy". A yoke was the piece of wood which rested across the shoulders of the person carrying a heavy load. Used for carrying buckets of water, bricks or rocks it made the weight easier to carry. Split that load in two and balance it across the shoulders and the load becomes much easier to carry and more comfortable for the carrier. The key is the yoke. When Jesus spoke to the crowds, we know he used examples and illustrations drawn from daily life. When Jesus said, "My yoke is easy and my burden light!" people immediately knew he was referring to the sign outside Joseph's carpenter's shop and everybody understood what he meant.

Jesus tells us he can share a heavy load with us, and no load is too heavy when there are two or more people helping to share the weight. We know from our own experiences how we are often weighed down by burdens, troubles, and worries. We struggle under their heavy load and we can easily forget to ask for help. I wonder when did you last turn to Jesus and ask his help? Be ready for a big surprise when you do because Jesus can still work a miracle when we ask for support.

In our prayers this weekend let us ask for the intercession of St Joseph if we are weighed down with problems. When the problems of the world are on your shoulders don't forget to ask Jesus to help to carry your burden. You may recall Simon of Cyrene did the same for Jesus on the road to Calvary and when we see people struggling, perhaps we might offer to help them too.

St Joseph the Worker

R/. Pray for us.

A Happy Feast Day to all named Joseph and especially the parishioners of St Joseph in Whitnash.

Every Blessing

Fr John

St Joseph's

The Church now is open to the Public for all Masses

All Masses will be Live Streamed

We continue to be very grateful to our Stewards & Cleaners who continue to help us open the Church to the Public.

Confessions will be heard on request.

Social distancing and strict cleaning regimes will be in place.



This week
Our Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for

**The Deceased
members of the
Conlon & McHugh
Families**

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021: Dates are now available from 1st August onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

Gift Aid Envelopes: Boxes of yellow Gift Aid Envelopes for the next tax year commencing 6th April are now available for collection from the

Sacristy. If there is anyone who is a tax payer and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme which allows us to claim back 25% tax on the donations you make, please contact Patrick Murphy 07711 346 405.

200 Club: Congratulations to Tony Cotter and Alison McLeary, who won the 1st (£50) and 2nd (£30) prizes in March's 200 Club draw. Congratulations also to Anna Jelonek (1st), Jackie Bowen (2nd) and Kath Fasi (Easter) who were the winners of the prizes in the April draw. The next collection and draw will take place on Sunday, 9th May. All the profits go to the Church's Building Fund and will be put towards the major repairs due on the Church and Parish Hall. We are always keen to welcome new participants to the draw, which only costs £1 per month. Please contact Anne or Carol after Mass or via the Presbytery/Office.

Red Missio Boxes: If you haven't already done so please return your Red Box to the Sacristy as soon as possible for emptying. If you have a box at home which you no longer use please return it so we can re-use it. Many thanks.

Change of Mass Time: Monday 3rd May Bank Holiday: Mass will be at 9:30am instead of 7pm.

Scam Email: Several Parishioners have received an email from an email address of parishpastor687@gmail.com suggesting it is from Fr. Noel asking for their help with something important and asking them to email him back. **DO NOT** email back as it is a **SCAM**, Fr. Noel only uses the two email addresses as listed on the newsletter, fr.noel.breslin@rcaob.org.uk or stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Readers Rotas: All readers should have by now received their rota for the period April—June. If you have not received your copy please phone Jan on 01926 424560, there is also a copy on the notice boards in the Narthex and by the Sacristy. Thank you for all that you do.

St. Peter's and Our Lady's Private Prayer

The Churches will be open 30 minutes before Mass during the Week for Private Prayer. Please see the front page for Mass times.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Kate Tennyson email safeguarding.splsps@gmail.com, Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com. The **Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.

The Seven Day Candles: are a great way to provide a devotion to a loved one or for your own intention. The 7 day candles are designed to display the presence of God in the Church. If you would like to book a 7 day candle for your intentions please collect an envelope at the back of Church, suggested donation is £10.00 and return it, either in the collection or via St. Peter's Presbytery door. Thank you.

Seven-day candles:

The Main Altar candle burns for **Mary McGivern**

Fr. Benedict's Homily: Fr. Benedict's homilies can be accessed each week from his website frbenedict.blog

The Rosary and night Prayer: is still being prayed on Zoom on Monday and Friday evenings at 8pm. We will continue to meet until Friday 14th May (the week before Pentecost). This group

was set up in January when we went back into lockdown and has continued since. As the lockdown lifts, Pentecost seems like a good time to finish. You are very welcome to join us on Zoom. Meeting ID: 945 327 7340 Passcode: pray . Please note that we will not be meeting on Bank Holiday Monday.

Newsletters: Further to Fr. John's Dear Parishioners a few weeks ago we will be distributing Newsletters at the back of Church, please take one if you can not access the online Newsletter. The Newsletters will be available from THIS WEEKEND. Please note that Newsletters will only be available at St. Peter's & Our Lady's Churches.

First Friday's at St. Peter's: This coming Friday 7th May, there will be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 5.30pm, followed by Mass at 6.30pm. Each month you are invited to come and encounter the Heart of Jesus which burns for love of you.

Young Adults (18—30 years) Session: There's something about Mary... the Virgin Mary. Since It's Mary's month of May, we'll honour her with a discussion about her and say the Litany of Loreto after #blessedprayertimewithfrb on Friday 7th May.

New to Catholic Leamington?: If you have joined us since February 2020 please register with us using the website: catholicleamington.org.uk Go to WELCOME and then WELCOMING GROUP to complete the email enquiry. If you have no computer access, please phone Peter Dimambro of the Welcoming Group on 01926 428 399.

Evening Prayer: via Zoom this Sunday, 25th April at 5 pm and then every other Sunday. For a service booklet and Zoom link, please email maryrouse@rocketmail.com. All are very welcome.

Catholic Leamington Website: Our website www.catholicleamington.org.uk has received some attention lately, although there is still more to do. But, thanks to Nollaig Doughan for offering to become our new Website Administrator! Nollaig will be taking over shortly and keeping it up to date and well organised. What we need now is for someone to work alongside him, so that the regular maintenance can be shared. If you can, let us know on the CONTACT US page.

Friends of the Holy Land: Our 2021 Pentecost Challenge is launched, with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. Please support our Appeal by visiting our website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. You can register to join an 84 mile virtual pilgrimage between Bethlehem and Nazareth, using your daily exercise. How about obtaining sponsorship from friends or family or looking on the website for parishioners you know to support those already walking, running or cycling! For those with children/grandchildren at local schools, why not encourage them to set up a team! For more information, email office at office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephone 01926 512980. Thank you.

Kindaid Zoom Quiz: on Saturday 15th May, starting at 6:30pm with Children's Rounds. The main event will begin at 7pm and there will be something for everyone! It's great fun for all the family. Why not give it a try if you've not been before? Teams can be families, individuals, or people from different households working together (collaborating via another means of technology). There is no entry fee but donations to Kindaid are invited. To book a place and receive the link, email maryrouse@rocketmail.com.

Archdiocese Survey: Share your experience of Faith during the Pandemic. Archbishop Longley is inviting us to complete a survey: see website: birminghamdiocese.org.uk > News and events > News

The Catholic Leamington Justice and Peace Rosary intention for May is: "We pray that rich nations including Britain will respond urgently to the plight of India and other countries suffering from the worst of the Pandemic."